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Mr. Powell -

Federal Communications Commission  
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I hereby support the merger of Cingular and AT&T Wireless.

While recognizing there exists a diversity of opinion on this matter, in particular as expressed in Mark Cooper's letter to the FCC on August 3, 2004 (Consumer Federation of America and Consumers Union) with attached white paper, I do not believe it is in consumers' best interest to have a multitude of financially weak wireless carriers attending to the service needs of wireless telephone consumers.

Further, I do not believe consumer interests are best served by a multitude of transmissions systems, i.e. TDMA, CDMA, GSM, etc. Initially there was merit to having various technologies implemented in the interest of trying to avoid FCC dictation of technology use. As that time has passed, consumers can be best served by having a consistent, national transmission format.

In summary, my opinion is 'less is more' for consumers. And perhaps, less transmission frequencies used by wireless phone users, the more frequencies will be available for other media technologies yet to be developed in the future.

Regards,  
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Chairman Powell: My name is James Ferguson and I own a small business in Purcell, Oklahoma. I would like to register a protest about the proposed merger of Cingular and ATT Wireless. I do not believe it is in the best interests of the consumer for the merger to happen. Even though I am presently a customer of Cingular, I am not proud of the company. If I treated my customers as they do, I would be out of business. They are not in the least cooperative. I really beleive that the proposed merger has nothing in mind for Cingular, but to drive up the cost of wireless service. It is the very same thing that happened in Purcell, Ok. when the FCC approved the sale of GTE to Valor. Our service has continued to go downward while rates have continued to climb. This time I intend to make my thoughts known. Respectfully James Fergusopn

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